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Express Mail No.:EU720332377US**AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION**

Please amend the specification by replacing the paragraph on page 1 lines 6 through 15 with:

"This application is related to co-owned U.S. utility application entitled "TRIPHOSPHATE OLIGONUCLEOTIDE MODIFICATION REAGENTS AND USES THEREOF", to Schwartz et al., patent application serial no.: 09/630,627; filed August 1, 2000. This application is related to co-owned U.S. utility application, entitled "FUNCTIONAL BIOPOLYMER MODIFICATION REAGENTS AND USES THEREOF", to Schwartz et al., patent application serial no.: 09/630,060 filed August 1, 2000 and to U.S. application Serial No. 09/815,978, entitled "HYDRAZINE-BASED AND CARBONYL-BASED BIFUNCTIONAL CROSSLINKING REAGENTS", to Schwartz, filed March 22, 2000. The above-referenced applications are incorporated herein by reference in their entirety."